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In re Application of: Kevin R. Stone and Uri Galili
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action dated September 6, 2002, and the enclosed petition for a 3-month extension of time in which to respond, for which the fee of \$465.00 is enclosed, please reconsider the application in view of the following remarks. With the petition, the due date for response is March 6, 2003.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-1133.

AMENDMENTS UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

In the Claims:

Kindly substitute the following claims 1, 13-14, 23, 25, 35-36 and 45, as amended:

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1. A method of preparing a bone xenograft for implantation into a human, which comprises
 - a. removing at least a portion of a bone from a non-human animal to provide a xenograft;
 - b. washing the xenograft in water and alcohol;
 - c. subjecting the xenograft to a cellular disruption treatment; and
 - d. digesting the xenograft with a glycosidase to remove substantially a plurality of first surface carbohydrate moieties from the xenograft,